

FORM B - BUILDING

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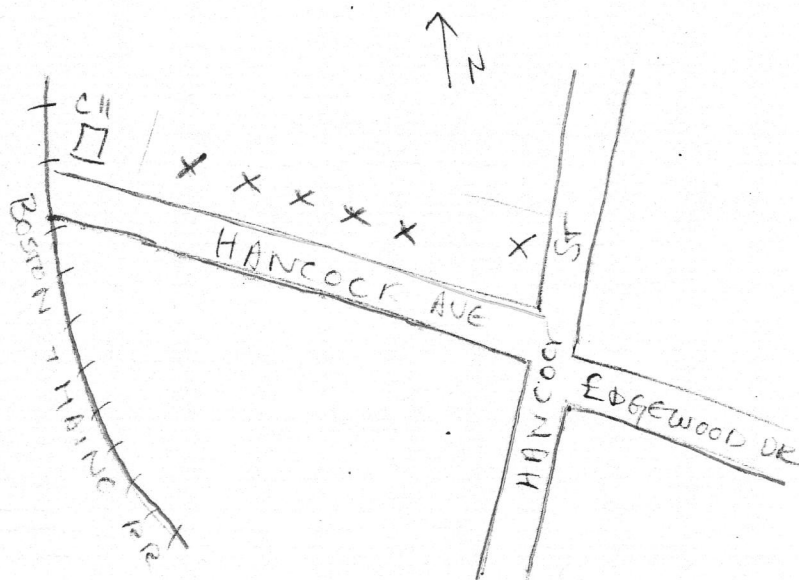
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USGS Quadrant _____

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1. Town Lexington

Address 13 Hancock Ave.

Name W.R. Cutter House

Present use residence

Present owner _____

3. Description:

Date 1873

Source Minute-man May 10 1873

Style Italianate

Architect Builder J. L. Norris

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Brick foundation, gable end to street, one story bay window front & E side door with bracketed hood.

Altered later porch Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lex. Hist. Com.

Date Sept. 4, 1975

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) W. R. Cutter

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip. cont: asphalt shingle roof, one chimney, strong return on gable, wide cornice board on sides, moderately wide corner boards.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town Property Address
LEXINGTON 13 HANCOCK AVENUE

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This was one of a number of houses local builder and contractor John L. Norris constructed on Hancock Avenue in the late 19th century. A brief mention appeared in the *Lexington Minute-man* on May 10, 1873 and read:

Mr. W.R. Cutter has sold his cottage on Hancock avenue (the present #11) to Mr. J.L. Norris, and has bought of Mr. N. the new house just finished on the extreme right of the street.

William Richard Cutter (b. 1847) was born in Woburn and became a resident of Lexington in 1871 and served on the school committee for several years before returning to Woburn in 1882 where he had been elected librarian of the Public Library. He was a noted historian and genealogist and wrote a history of the town of Arlington as well as a number of publications for the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

The 1889 map shows the house was then owned by C. Swan. Directories indicate that Charles B. Swan worked for the Boston & Maine Railroad. He was still here in 1894 but had moved to Elm Avenue by 1899.

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